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California State Parks Peace Officers, Rangers and Lifeguards Compete in the 22nd Annual Baker to Vegas – Challenge Cup Relay April 1 & 2

BAKER - On April 1st and 2nd 222 twenty-person law enforcement relay teams will race 120 miles through the desert. This running relay race starts in the town of Baker, California and finishes 120 miles later in Las Vegas, Nevada. The race sponsor is the Los Angeles Police Department Revolver and Athletic Club.

The California State Parks Team number 12 consists of an incredibly fast bunch of ten rangers, 12 lifeguards and three superintendents. Last year, California State Parks finished 12th overall out of 212 teams and 2nd in the 1000 Division for agencies with 1,000 or fewer sworn officers.

There are 222 Law Enforcement teams from all over Southern California, the United States, Canada, and even a team from Germany. Each team of 20 people will run a relay race 120 miles through the desert. Each officer runs an average leg of approximately six miles of flat, downhill or severe uphill terrain. Starting in the town of Baker, the race winds through the desert on a two-lane road, beginning at an altitude of approximately 650 feet, advancing over a mountain pass of 5,500 feet and ending in Las Vegas. The race is run through the night to avoid the harsh desert heat of the day. The first teams begin at 11:30 p.m. while waves of 15 to-25 teams will start every few hours throughout Saturday, April 1st. The race is run in this wave fashion because it would be impossible to have 4,440 runners, 222 support vehicles (with a mandatory one support vehicle per team) and over 1,000-shuttle vehicles start at the same time. The course runs west on Highway 127 from Baker, over Ibex Pass to Highway 127 through Shoshone on Highway 178 east to Pahrump, Nevada, turning East on Highway 160 and ending in Las Vegas.

The California State Parks Team #12 will start with the fastest teams of the race at 4:30 p.m. and will finish approximately 14 hours and 15 minutes later on Sunday morning April 2nd.

For more information about the race visit the Baker to Vegas web site at www.bakervergas.com

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